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## <u>UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 & 1.98</u>

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find an Office Action dated January 5, 2004, in connection with an European Patent Application corresponding to the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a copy of the document newly cited in this Office Action, together with an English abstract thereof. Further enclosed is Form PTO/SB/08A, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to an Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, in an application which is not under a Final Office Action, and wherein neither a Notice of Allowance, nor any other action closing prosecution on the merits, has been issued. For satisfying requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97(c), the following Statement is made under 37 CFR § 1.97(e):

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